

REMARKS

Claims 27-38 remain pending in the case upon the cancellation of claims 1-26. Entry of this amendment and prompt examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

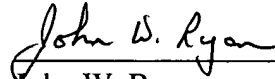
CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative should any further issues arise.

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